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Defendants move the court for an extension of time until May 23, 2001 within which to respond to plaintiffs' motion for interim attorney's fees and costs. This request for extension is necessitated by the undersigned counsel's absence from his office due to the recent death of a family member. This request for extension is made with the consent of plaintiffs' counsel, is not made for

purposes of delay and will enable counsel to discuss the pending motion for attorney's fees and costs with his clients and file the appropriate response.

Respectfully submitted,

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PROOF OF SERVICE

This is to certify that a copy of the foregoing Defendants' Motion for Extension of Time to Respond to Plaintiffs' Motion for Interim Attorney's Fees and Costs and proposed Order have been filed electronically and sent by ordinary U.S. mail this 30th day of April, 2000. Notice of this filing will be sent to all parties by operation of the Court's electronic filing system. Parties may access this filing through the Court's system.

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